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VOTE
FOR TASMAN



Voting deadline draws near

The deadline to ensure your vote counts in the local council elections is looming.

All completed voting papers must be received by the Tasman Electoral Officer before midday Saturday 8 October. This means if you live in a rural area, you'll need to get them in the post now or drop your papers into the orange bins at any of our service centres or libraries.

Over the next two Saturdays, we're making it even easier for you to cast your vote with 'Voting Saturdays'.

On 1 October and 8 October from 9.30 am until 12 noon at our libraries in Richmond, Motueka

and Tākaka, if you missed out on getting voting papers sent to you, you can call in and make a special vote. You can also drop your completed ballot papers into one of the big orange bins.

If you're not sure if you are an enrolled voter, there are several ways to check. The simplest way is to go to vote.nz, or call the freephone number 0800 36 76 56. There's also a free text number – 3676.

Remember voting in Tasman is simple – a tick is all you need!

We use the First Past the Post voting system so simply put a tick beside the name of the person you want to elect.

Find out more about all the candidates standing in Tasman at tasman.govt.nz/candidate.

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ArtWalk on our wall offers a window to the world of art

The Suter Art Gallery's Tasman ArtWalk has turned Richmond's town centre into an alfresco gallery of sorts in recent months, providing a visual journey through our region; stories, people, places, history and outstanding scenery.

The Suter has extended its installation of replica paintings from its permanent collection to our District following well-received beginnings in Nelson.

Thanks to local firm Speedy Signs, the works have been replicated, magnified and printed onto aluminium and attached to the walls in full view of pedestrians.

The first batch of works in the Tasman ArtWalk project were revealed on May 17 on the exterior

walls of the Richmond Library as well as the Warring Carpark toilet block.

The latest installation of the outdoor exhibition – backed by Council and community supporters – has allowed us a window of opportunity to display another fine work.

New Zealand artist Philip Edwards' 1987 work Uprooted is now displayed on the exterior of our Queen Street office building.

Testament to his meticulously-crafted and highly realistic approach to painting, Uprooted was created using the 'trompe l'oeil' (trick the eye) effect to give the impression of looking at a tree fallen across a farm track through an open window.

The three-dimensional illusion is enhanced by the artist's skilful handling of light and shadow when painting two onions sitting on the windowsill.



The work was sourced from a bequest made to The Suter by Shirley Miles in 2018.

To find out more about this artwork and explore others in The Suter's collection go to thesuter.org.nz/collection.

Step into Spring

Join a family fun walk in Murchison, explore Abel Tasman's Tinline Trail, discover wild edible plants on the Motueka sandspit or check out Reservoir Creek in Richmond.

These are just a few of the dozens of events you can join over the next month in the Step into Spring walking festival.

Step into Spring is a new initiative between us, Health Action Trust, Top of the South Neighbourhood Support, Te Whatu Ora Nelson Marlborough and Nelson City Council.



Events and activities have been locally organised and hosted by community groups, organisations and individual experts.

There is a diverse range of walks available based on activity level, location and duration, making it easy for everyone to participate.

Walking is an activity that can easily foster and support social

connections and has well-established benefits across all ages for physical and mental health.

New events are regularly being added to the schedule. Check them out on the [Step Out Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/StepOutNelsonTasman), [facebook.com/StepOutNelsonTasman](https://www.facebook.com/StepOutNelsonTasman) and the [Its On website](https://www.itson.co.nz), [itson.co.nz](https://www.itson.co.nz).

New public transport routes drive greater opportunities

New bus routes are on their way including daily express services to and from Wakefield and Motueka as we move toward more sustainable transport options in the District.

The newly announced reshaping of routes will see greater flexibility and improved connections right across the region's bus network from July 2023.

For example, the first morning Motueka express will depart Motueka with stops at Tasman, Māpua and Richmond West,

then the Richmond and Nelson Hospital hubs before arriving in Nelson City prior to 8.00 am.

That service will make four return trips a day with the final one leaving Nelson City after 5.00 pm.

Passengers will be able to connect to other routes via hubs at Richmond, Nelson Hospital and Nelson City.

The Wakefield service will be similar with stops at Brightwater, Hope and Richmond South before transiting the hubs at Richmond, Nelson Hospital, and Nelson City.

The development of a Nelson Airport route in the new network configuration will effectively mean



TRANSPORT TALES

Motueka and Wakefield residents will be able to ride to and from the airport by changing buses at Richmond and Tāhunanui.

At this stage, a fare structure is based on zones. Any travel within a zone is \$2. Any time you cross a zone the fare increases by \$2.

This collaboration between Tasman District and Nelson City Council will be introduced in July 2023.





Big tick for completion of our Government stimulus projects

We have received some welcome recognition regarding the delivery of seven important infrastructure projects under the Government's Stimulus Funding Programme.

This programme provided funding to local authorities for investment in drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater networks.

This has allowed us to fast-track important work and provide significant benefits to the community earlier than planned.

Crown Infrastructure Partners (CIP), who administer the Department of Internal Affairs funding for these projects to Councils throughout New Zealand, has congratulated us on the successful completion of seven projects safely, on time and on budget.

Six Tasman projects received initial funding and were administered through our Programme Management Office (PMO);

- Work on the Richmond West trunk water main linking with State Highway 60.
- Installation of emergency storage tanks at wastewater pump stations throughout the District.
- Thorp Street water main renewal in Motueka.
- Construction of the replacement Pomona Road reservoir near Māpua.
- Dovedale source and water treatment plant upgrade.
- Pōhara water treatment plant upgrade.

An underspend on the Thorp Street project also allowed for an additional project outside of the original delivery plan to be

completed – Motueka's Everett Street mains renewal.

Project outcomes have included improved water supply resilience, enhanced compliance with drinking water standards for rural and town schemes as well as cultural and environmental benefits through preventing sewage overflows in wet weather.

Using local contractors with good knowledge and strong community connections helped with progress and overall performance and has allowed these contractors to continue to work during challenging times.

As with other high-performing councils, the value of having a PMO was also acknowledged by CIP.

Pictured above: Thorp Street water main renewal (left) and Pomona Road reservoir (right).

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Storm highlights importance of being prepared

The effects of the big rain event across Tasman in August have highlighted just how important it is to be prepared for an emergency.

Emergencies can happen anytime, anywhere, and often without warning. It is important to make emergency plans so you know what to do when an emergency happens.



A household emergency plan lets everyone in your household know what to do in an emergency and how to get ready. Having a plan helps make actual emergency situations less stressful.

Plan with your whānau to get through an emergency. Think about the things you need every day and work out what you would do if you didn't have them.

Make sure your plan lines up with other emergency plans for places where you spend a lot of time like at work and school.

In an emergency, you could be stuck at work, without transport home. Make a personal workplace emergency plan so you know who to contact at work and have a plan to get home safely.

Find out what your early childhood centre or school's emergency plan is.

Find out where their safe location is so you know where you can pick your children up after the "all-clear" is given.

Plan to collect your children on foot or bike, if possible. Routes to and from schools may be jammed. Telephone lines during an emergency may be overloaded.

Make sure the contact details your early childhood centre or school has are up to date. Give them a list of three people who can pick the kids up if you can't get there.

For more information visit getready.govt.nz.

Preparing for summer on the water

More than 200 navigational marker buoys are about to be deployed around the coastline and lakes of Tasman as we gear up for another busy summer of activities on the water.

Every summer, Tasman District Harbourmaster's Dan Cairney and Paul Appleby lay out the network of floating navigational aids, from Māpua to Collingwood. These are used to keep all water users safe by defining special zones for different activities.

Dan says the holiday hotspot of Kaiteriteri is one of the priority areas for safety. Separate zones are marked out for swimmers, water skiers and access to the boat launching ramp.

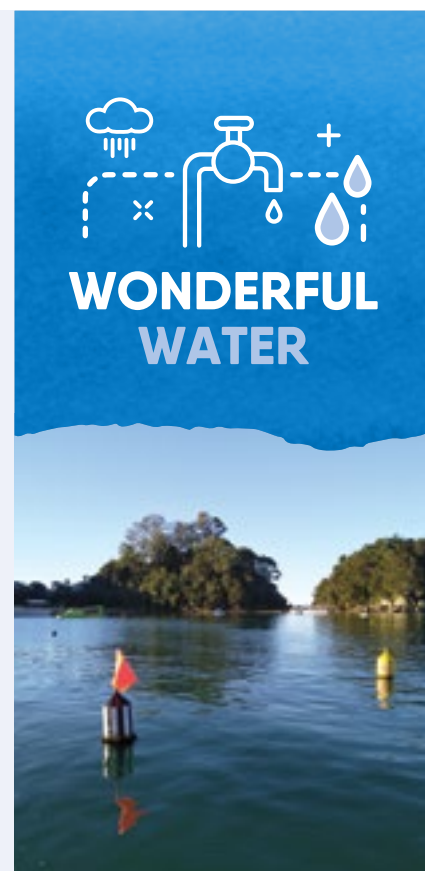
However, he says every year skippers and swimmers fail to stick to their designated areas endangering all users. Last summer, infringement notices were issued for things like boats speeding too close to shore and mooring in the wrong places.

Dan says as the boating population swells over summer, he and his team will be out aboard their vessel *Sentinel*, patrolling and educating all water users.

But the Harbourmaster's job isn't only about enforcement.

Dan says *Sentinel* is regularly called on to help with rescues and to tow disabled boats, so now is the time owners should be doing pre-season checks to ensure they are ready for summer.

He says it's simple things like checking the forecast, ensuring the fuel hasn't gone stale, batteries are holding a charge, lifejackets are still in good condition, and safety equipment like flares are up to scratch.



Dan says by getting these things right, means a day on the water doesn't end in drama.

Taking action in Tasman

The Sigglekow whānau are doing their bit to reduce their impact on climate change.

They started by measuring their carbon footprint using the FutureFit tool. They noticed that FutureFit suggested actions that they were already implementing in their household such as insulated curtains, cold water clothes washing and a weekly meal plan. They also found that they are below the New Zealand average of 7.7 tonnes per year.

After discovering new ideas that FutureFit suggested, they were inspired by family-friendly actions to reduce their carbon footprint further.

Jenna says, "We have started to compost our food waste to then re-use it back into the vegetable garden that we have just finished building out of recycled wood."

When reflecting on how to get started on your FutureFit journey, the Sigglekows suggest brainstorming what you could do to reduce your carbon footprint in the different topic areas:

- Move: Do I need to use my car for every trip, or could I cycle or carpool to a venue?
- Eat: What can we do to reduce food waste in our household?
- Shop: Could we buy secondhand clothing?
- Grow: What could we plant to offset carbon emissions?

Many actions that reduce our carbon footprint also save money and reduce waste, so there are multiple benefits to making minor changes.



You can sign up to FutureFit and measure your carbon footprint at futurefit.nz.

Staff spring into action for long-awaited planting day

Rain throughout the winter months has thwarted our plans to plant trees around the hillsides of Teapot Valley, however this month we got a break in the weather and sprang into action.

Various teams from the Council made it to the organised planting day on September 13, after a number of weather-related cancellations since May.

We were also joined by staff from land-owners Tasman Pine Forest Limited and Ministry for Primary Industries – the main project funder for our project under the Billion Trees programme to regenerate portions of vegetation lost in the 2019 Tasman wildfires.

The four-year project aims to restore fire-affected hillslopes, as well as re-connecting remnants of alluvial forest along Teapot Valley Stream.

Despite various landslips in other parts of the region, there was no

damage to the plants or site from the severe weather – a huge relief as we head into summer and continue the regeneration work.

The team planted all the 330 plants we planned to put in the ground.



Ian from Kaitiaki demonstrating planting to Council staff

Recycling – keep up the great work Tasman



A recent study of attitudes towards recycling in Nelson Tasman has revealed positive trends and some areas for improvement.

The good news is that 85% of the people surveyed believe it's worth taking the time to recycle – but there are still some areas of confusion. Knowing which plastics can be recycled is tripping a few people up.

Only plastics numbered 1, 2 or 5 can be recycled in Nelson and Tasman. Look for the triangle with a number inside it to make sure. If you can't find a number, put it in the rubbish bin.

Always rinse before recycling. Your recycling is not cleaned as part of our sorting process, so it's important that you rinse it before putting it in your recycling bin.

Remember to recycle your clean cardboard, paper, cans and tins in your yellow-topped recycling bin and your clean glass bottles and jars in your blue recycling crate.

Remove lids – these get stuck in our machines, so pop them in the rubbish bin.

Don't have kerbside collection at your place? Or have too much to fit in your bin? Our resource recovery centres take recycling for free.

If you're feeling frustrated that items you buy come in packaging that cannot be recycled, you're not alone! There are a few ways around this:

Try taking your own container/bag/bottle and see if you can get this refilled or look for alternative products that come in reusable or recyclable packaging.

Contact manufacturers and tell them that you like their product, but not their packaging. Ask them to offer refills or at least recyclable packaging.

For more information on how recycling is processed in Nelson Tasman, and where it ends up, visit our website tasman.govt.nz and search 'what happens to our recycling?'



Compostable isn't recyclable!

Anything labelled as compostable packaging cannot be recycled. This is because it's made from materials that are designed to break down over time, so it cannot be processed back into new materials in the same way that plastic can.

Some retailers take back compostable packaging, so ask the store where you purchased it from. For example, Fresh Choice in Richmond takes back its compostable vacuum-packed meat packaging.

Some compostable packaging can be composted at home but be

aware that this can take a long time, especially if your compost doesn't get very hot.

If you're not sure, put it in your landfill bin and look for alternative products in packaging that can be reused or recycled.



Big plans for new Government funding in Tasman

New community facilities, upgrades for recreational activities, new transport projects, and an Iwi/Council cadetship scheme are just some of the initiatives we are hoping will benefit from our share of the Government's Three Waters Better Off Support Funding Package.

We've identified seven initiatives equating to 20 individual projects for its share of the Government's \$2 billion fund to invest in community wellbeing.

Our allocation is \$22.55 million, with \$5.64 million available now through tranche one. The money is in

recognition of the significance of the transfer of responsibility for three waters service delivery.

Priorities for use of the money included spreading the spending and benefits across every ward in the District and putting some of the funding towards debt reduction efforts or investing for future use.

Strategic Policy Manager Dwayne Fletcher says the funding represents a meaningful investment towards making Tasman a better place to live, meet and play.

"We want to spread the funding across projects in every ward in Tasman to maximise the wellbeing benefits for our communities. This means investing in community



spaces and recreation areas and supporting active transport options."

Some of the funding is also going towards costs that would otherwise be met by ratepayers or borrowing, such as accelerating planned future work or the costs of meeting new Water Services Act 2021 requirements.

The funding brings exciting opportunities to support Te Taihū Iwi, including a trial of a Council/Iwi cadetship programme to help grow Iwi ability and build capability to meet engagement demands.

Projects and initiatives

1	Community spaces in Tasman – investing in community facilities	\$735,000	
	Waimea Community Facility	Feasibility work and detailed design	\$200,000
	Motueka Community Pool	Detailed design	\$100,000
	Te Noninga Kumu / Motueka Library	Complete basic landscaping	\$70,000
	Tapawera Community Hub	Feasibility work, community engagement and detailed design	\$50,000
	Upper Moutere Recreation Centre	New changing rooms, sanitary services	\$140,000
	Whai Oranga Wellbeing Centre	Contribution to business case	\$75,000
	Marae contributions	Te Āwhina Marae and Onetahua Marae	\$100,000
2	Play in Tasman – supporting recreation activities	\$1,290,000	
	Tākaka Youth Bike and Skate Park	Feasibility study, community engagement and detailed design	\$50,000
	Murchison Pump Track and Playground	Upgrade bike track and install basic playground equipment	\$250,000
	Moturoa / Rabbit Island	Delivery of recreation and cultural priorities from the management plan	\$435,000
	Kingsland Forest Park	Increase native planting, a new toilet, seating and a water refill station	\$555,000
3	Get moving in Tasman – active and public transport projects	\$1,740,000	
	Transport Choices*	Programmes in Motueka and Richmond	\$717,000
	Streets for People*	Programmes in Māpua and Richmond	\$333,000
	Pōhara and Kaiteriteri shared pathways**	Design and construction of new shared pathways	\$490,000
	Motupipi Street footpath extension	Construction of a new concrete footpath	\$200,000
4	Te Taihū Iwi Capability Building – an Iwi/Council cadetship scheme	\$300,000	
5	Urban Development Agency – investigation study, jointly with Nelson City	\$75,000	
6	Water Services Act 2021 – work to meet the new requirements	\$1,000,000	
7	Programme management – supporting project delivery and reporting	\$500,000	

*Waka Kotahi co-funded **MBIE co-funded

Workable way ahead found with farmers as Stock Control Bylaw adopted

Having heard and worked with the rural sector in recent weeks, an improved final bylaw has been adopted to enable a workable way of managing stock crossings and droving on roads in Tasman District.

The Stock Control and Droving Bylaw 2022 is intended to ensure the activity goes ahead safely for drovers, animals and all people that use our roads.

It reflects the changes sought by a hearing panel following submissions received. It now allows farmers more flexibility to do what best suits their specific circumstances, while still ensuring the safety of all road users.

This allows us to still meet our objectives, but in a way that is more workable to farmers.

Golden Bay Federated Farmers President Cherrie Chubb said she "was heartened by the constructive approach by all to get a more

workable and practical bylaw established."

The bylaw requires drovers to make reasonable efforts to avoid effluent on the road and includes the removal of specific requirements as to how the road is kept clear of excessive fouling for crossings – including the 50m set-back requirement.

Strategic Policy Manager Dwayne Fletcher said submissions made it clear that most farmers take their responsibilities to their community very seriously and are already doing a lot to ensure safety.

"We thank the farming community for their positive engagement with the process and helpful suggestions.



FUTURE FOCUS



Staff even took up invitations to join a couple of droves."

"While we didn't get it all right in the draft, the process added huge value to the end product."

The bylaw will come into effect on 1 November 2022.



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A free brunch for bikers

It's time to talk about motorcycle safety, and what better place to do it than with a free brunch and a bunch of other freebies?

The annual Bikers Brunch is back at Saxton Field on Sunday 9 October.

Our road safety team want to continue to break down the barriers and carry on conversations about motorcycle safety while getting new riders to sign up for 'Ride Forever' motorcycle skills courses.

Statistics show the majority of local motorcycle crashes are not due to other vehicles or the conditions, but to rider error, handling or observation. These crashes are avoidable.

Alongside the free barbeque, there will be chances to win vouchers, free 10-point motorcycle checks (sign up at ridetolive.co.nz), and a show and shine competition across four categories – best American, best British/European, best Japanese and people's choice.

Sign up on the day for a free Ride Forever course and be in to win a voucher for \$250 worth of protective clothing.

See you at Saxton Field on Sunday 9 October from 10.00 am until 1.00 pm.



Do you have an awesome art idea in mind?

Our Creative Communities Scheme has funding available to help groups and individuals running arts projects in Tasman. Creative Communities provides funding to support community involvement in the arts – whether it's music, theatre, festivals, mural painting, outdoor sculptures, art in public spaces, kapa haka, singing, art workshops or something else.

Funded by Creative New Zealand, the Creative Communities Scheme is designed to support opportunities for communities to participate in the arts. There is a focus on art projects that have a broad community involvement, involve young people or support the diverse arts and cultural traditions of local communities.

Applications are open until Thursday 10 November. For more information and to complete an application form, visit tasman.govt.nz/creative-communities.

Masks no longer required

Following the Government announcement that the traffic light system is being retired, wearing a face mask while visiting our service centres and libraries is no longer required. Please respect anyone around you who still chooses to, or needs to, wear a face mask.

The clear screens on our counters will remain in place. With fewer people wearing masks, they give our front-line teams a level of protection and security.

Council meetings will take place in person and via Zoom, and public forum presenters can speak in person or online without the previous requirements of mask wearing and physical distancing.

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For a list of upcoming meetings visit tasman.govt.nz/meetings-calendar



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NEWSLINE UPDATES



PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

Westland Car Club Rally – Saturday 3 December 2022

Pursuant to the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is hereby given that the Tasman District Council, for the purpose of staging the Westland Car Club Rally, proposes to close the following road(s)/street(s) to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period indicated hereunder.

During the proposed period of closure, the following provision will be made for ordinary vehicular traffic which would otherwise use the road(s)/street(s): Residents traffic will be let through between race events, under the direction of marshals.

Road(s)/street(s) proposed to be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic:

Location: Matakītiki Road from 9.5km from the start of the unsealed section of Matakītiki Road for 10 kilometers (RP 9.5 – 18.00) (unsealed section).

Date/time: Saturday 3 December 2022, 8.00 am to 5.00 pm.

It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person otherwise than under authority of an authorised period to use the roads for ordinary vehicular traffic during the period of closure.

Objections close 5.00 pm

Friday 14 October 2022.

**Please send any objections to
mel.allen@tasman.govt.nz.**

APPROVED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES



The following road closures have been approved:

- **Targa Rally, 15 – 16 October 2022**
- **Nelson Car Club Rally, 29 October 2022**

Pursuant to the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is hereby given that the Tasman District Council, for the purpose of staging the Targa Rally, and the Nelson Car Club Rally, will close the following road(s)/street(s) to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period(s) indicated hereunder.

During the proposed period(s) of closure the following provision will be made for ordinary vehicular traffic which would otherwise use the road(s)/street(s): Residents traffic will be let through between race events, under the direction of marshals.

Road(s)/street(s) to be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic:

Targa Rally, 15 – 16 October 2022

Location: Eighty-Eight Valley Road, from Genia Drive to Wai-iti Valley Road; Stock Road (full length); Kerr Hill Road (full length); Korere-Tophouse Road from Kerr Hill Road to Rainy River Road.

Date/time: Saturday 15 October 8.05 am to 2.25 pm and Sunday 16 October 12.20 pm to 5.55 pm.

Location: Old Coach Road from Petra Way to Mahoe Close, Nuttall Road from Old Coach Road to Gardner Valley Road, Gardner Valley Road from Nuttall Road to Best Road, Best Road from Gardner Valley Road to George Harvey Road,

and George Harvey Road from Best Road to Old Coach Road.

Date/time: Saturday 15 October 1.35 pm to 6.05 pm and Sunday 16 October 9.40 am to 1.40 pm.

Location: Neudorf Road from Rosedale/Kelling intersection to Dovedale Road, and Dovedale Road from Neudorf Road to #1982 Dovedale Road.

Date/time: Saturday 15 October 2.00 pm to 6.30 pm and Sunday 16 October 9.10 am to 1.10 pm.

Location: Motueka River West Bank Road from the Woodstock/Baton Valley Road intersection to the Mickell Road intersection.

Date/time: Saturday 15 October 2.50 pm to 7.20 pm and Sunday 16 October 8.05 am to 12.15 pm.

Nelson Car Club Rally, 29 October 2022

Location: Dovedale Road from Dove Creek Bridge to end at Pigeon Valley Road (RP 16.5 to 19.99) (unsealed section).

Date/time: Saturday 29 October 2022, 8.00 am to 5.00 pm.

Location: Pigeon Valley Road from Sharp Road to end at Dovedale Road (RP5.28 to 10.73) (unsealed section).

Date/time: Saturday 29 October 2022, 8.00 am to 5.00 pm.

It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person otherwise than under authority of an authorised period to use the roads for ordinary vehicular traffic during the period of closure.

WHAT'S ON IN TASMAN



Encanto – free movie night

Enjoy a free night at the movies in the park. In association with Multicultural Youth Nelson Tasman, we are presenting the animated Disney movie Encanto at Washbourn Gardens on Friday 14 October. Join us from about 6.30 pm for fun, games and entertainment.

Grab a bite to eat from one of the food trucks then sit back and enjoy the enchanting story of Encanto; the Colombian teenage girl facing the frustration of being the only member of her family without magical powers.

Wellby Talking Café

Tuesday 11 October, 1.30 pm – 3.00 pm, Richmond Library.

Wellby Talking Cafés welcome everyone for a relaxed cuppa and can start your journey to connect with others who enjoy the same things. You can pop in for a quick chat or stay for a longer conversation with friendly people. There is no need to register, just turn up on the day.

During October's Step into Spring walking festival, there is an option to meet half an hour earlier, at 1.00 pm for a short walk. Hosts will be there to meet you at the entrance.

Family history Friday

If you're interested in researching your family history, we can help. Drop by the research room at Richmond Library between 10.30 am and 12.00 pm on Friday 30 September for professional expert advice on using our genealogical resources – such as ancestry.com and other records and information found online. It's free and everyone is welcome.

School holiday fun

Staying local these school holidays? Make the most of the wellbeing events for children taking place at your library. We are offering mindfulness for children sessions at Motueka, Richmond and Takaka libraries, as well as a yoga class, a tween takeover, scavenger hunt, kindness rock painting and worry doll making workshops. Visit tasmanlibraries.govt.nz for more information.

Poetry circle

Motueka Library Te Noninga Kumu holds a poetry circle on the first Thursday of every month. The next meeting is on Thursday 6 October from 10.30 am – 12.00 pm. It's a great opportunity to share your favourite poem, discover new poems, write poetry and share a cuppa with other poetry-lovers.

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